

WEDDING QUESTIONS

Do I need to have a marriage license to get married in the state of Georgia? (MAG 25)

Yes, a marriage license is required. It is unlawful for anyone to perform a marriage ceremony in the state of Georgia unless the parties have obtained a marriage license.

What do I need to get a marriage license? (MAG 25)

You will need to go to the Probate Court in the county where either the groom or bride resides. If neither the bride nor the groom is a resident of the state of Georgia, then they should go to the Probate Court in the county where the wedding ceremony is going to be performed.

The Probate Court will provide you all the necessary documents you need to get your marriage license. Their address is: Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, Georgia 30655. The office phone number is (770)-267-1345.

Do we still need to get a blood test? (MAG 25)

No, effective July 1, 2003, the code section which previously required that applicants for a marriage license have a blood test, **O.C.G.A. 19-3-40**, was repealed. Blood tests are no longer required to get a marriage license in the state of GA.

Who can perform marriage ceremonies in the state of Georgia? (MAG 25)

Any judge, including judges of state and federal courts of record in this state, city recorder, magistrate, minister, or other person of any religious society or sect authorized by the rules of such society to perform the marriage ceremony.

Is there a fee for having a wedding ceremony performed by a magistrate at the courthouse? (MAG 25)

No, all marriage ceremonies performed by the "on duty" magistrate at either of our courthouse locations are free. There is no "fee" for being married by the "on-duty" judge. We are glad to help you.

Do I need an appointment to be married by the on-duty magistrate at either court facility? (MAG 25)

Yes, Weddings are performed Thursday and Friday of each week. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Walton County Magistrate Court.

*Walton County Magistrate Court
303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 116
Monroe, Georgia 30655
(770)-267-1349 (Civil Division)*

Can I hire an off-duty judge to perform my marriage ceremony apart from the courthouses? (MAG 25)

While we can help you, please remember that any of the following persons can perform a wedding ceremony in the state of Georgia: any judge, including judges of state and federal courts of record in this state, city recorder, magistrate, minister, or other person of any religious society or sect authorized by the rules of such society to perform the marriage ceremony.

We realize that some persons within our community are not able to have a subsequent marriage performed within their own church if they have been previously married within that church and then divorced. And, we also realize that others may not be members of a church within our community. As well, some persons simply prefer to have a private civil ceremony. As a public service, we try to assist persons who are unable to find someone to perform a private marriage ceremony.

While we are always glad to help perform wedding ceremonies when needed, we feel it is important to remind you that you can always be married without cost by an "on-duty" magistrate. The vast majority of wedding services we perform within this court are by the "on-duty" magistrate at either court location.

To contact a Magistrate Judge for an after hours wedding ceremony please contact the Magistrate Court at (770)-267-1349 (Civil Division)